SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, REVENUE DEPARTMENT.—

A.—(*a*) Total area of wet lands .. 9,77,851 acres.
Do. garden „ .. 3,03,769 acres.

(*b*) Annual Revenue.—

Information is not readily available. It will be obtained and furnished to the Members.

The rates of assessment on lands under river channels are higher than those on lands under tanks on account of the water supply being more assured.

(*c*) Lands irrigated by river channels .. 1,25,601 acres.
Lands under tanks .. 7,44,247 acres.

(*d*) There is difference between the rates fixed on lands under major and minor tanks for the same reason as is explained under (*b*).

The suggestion of the Members for reducing the rate to Rs. 3 per acre for lands under minor tanks is not understood as the existing rate is as low as Rs. 1-4-0 in some cases.

MR. H. KRISHNAMURTHI ACHAR, MULBAGAL TALUK.—

Q.—3. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

How long is it since the appointment of the Retrenchment Committee? In which of the Departments and to what extent in each, have the Committee reduced the expenditure? And in which other Departments have they proposed to reduce the expenditure and in what respects? And what may be the probable savings annually by such reduction?

CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.—

A.—The Special Finance Committee began its sittings on 13th February 1922 and has submitted an *ad interim* report which is placed before the Assembly.

MESSRS. BHASKARAPPA, SRINIVASAPUR TALUK AND T. SRINIVASACHAR, KOLAR TOWN MUNICIPALITY.—

Q.—4. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) What is the total amount of the Railway Cess collected till now Districtwar?

(2) What amount, out of the total collections from the Railway Cess, has till now been spent over the construction of Railways?

(3) How is the amount realised from the Railways so constructed, being spent?

(4) Is there any time limit for the levy of the Railway Cess?

(5) Or, will the Government render this Cess permanent?

(6) How many Committees of local representatives are there to supervise the *jama-kharch* of the Railway Cess?

(7) If no such Committees exist at present, do the Government contemplate the organisation of any Boards?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, REVENUE DEPARTMENT.—

A.—(1) Amount of Railway Cess collected is as follows:—

Kolar .. Rs. 4,37,426
Shimoga .. Rs. 1,41,722 up to the end of the year 1920-21 *plus* Rs. 21,811-2-11 up to the end of March 1922.
Tumkur .. Rs. 2,15,485 up to the end of February 1922.
Mysore .. Rs. 2,38,855 Do.
Chitaldrug .. Rs. 3,00,659.
Kadur .. Rs. 2,22,242 up to the end of March 1922.
Bangalore and Hassan.. Railway Cess not levied.

(2) The total expenditure incurred in the Kolar District is Rs. 10,12,399, the excess over the cess being met out of the loan raised therefor and advances made by Government. In Chitaldrug only a sum of Rs. 9,687 has been expended out of the cess collected. In the other Districts the cess has not yet been spent.

(3) There are no net profits accruing to the District Boards so far.

(4) No.

(5) The period of levy is at the discretion of the District Boards concerned.

(6) and (7) The District Boards and their finance committees control this as well as the other funds constituting the District Fund.

MR. K. T. SESHAIYA, BELUR TALUK.—

Q.—5. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) The number of vacancies in different grades of various Departments that have been referred to the Central Recruitment Board?

(2) The number and castes of the candidates that have been recommended by the Board for these aforesaid vacancies, and

(3) The number of instances (together with the designation of offices with corresponding salaries) where the Board replied to the Officers to fill the vacancies according to their discretion on account of the lack of candidates which they could have recommended?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, REVENUE DEPARTMENT.—

A.—(1) In all, about 200 vacancies have been reported. They may be classified as follows:—

Class IV	..	46
„ III	..	41
„ II	..	73
„ I	..	40
Total	..	200

(2) 624 applications received by the Central Recruitment Board from candidates of all castes have been classified and sent to the Heads of Departments, Secretaries to Government, etc.

Of these 334 are Brahmins, 53 Mahomedans, 16 Christians, 26 Vaisyas, 65 Lingayats, 29 Vokkaligars, 4 Barbers, 1 Panchama and 96 of miscellaneous castes.

(3) It is not correct to say that the Board granted permission to Officers to fill up the vacancies on account of the paucity of qualified candidates, but they granted permission to fill up the vacancies pending the preparation and issue of lists of eligible candidates.

MR. K. T. SESHAIYA, BELUR TALUK.—

Q.—6. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

The amount of money which they have given from the State Funds for the improvement of Mysore and Bangalore Cities from the earliest times as could be gathered from the records up till now together with that, that has been given for the improvement of villages?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, REVENUE DEPARTMENT.—

A.—The expenditure incurred in Bangalore and Mysore Cities up to the end of 1917-18 is furnished in the statement appended to the reply to Interpellation No. I of the Dasara Session of the Representative Assembly of